Upgradation of runways at international airports

2900. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given approval for setting up of various international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many international airports in the country lack runways of international standards; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to upgrade the runways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Depending on several conditions which generally consist of demand and supply side considerations airports are considered by Government for upgradation to international airports, from time to time. Approvals are also granted for setting up Greenfield international airports. Government has given approval for setting up Greenfield International Airports at Shamshabad (Hyderabad) and Devanhalli (Bangalore). 'In principle' approval has also been given to set up in international airport at Mopa (Goa).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Proper utilisation of airport infrastructure

2901. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an uneven distribution in the flow of traffic resulting in pressure on infrastructure at certain airports and massive under-utilization of existing infrastructure elsewhere;

(b) whether it is a fact that 530 odd flights land and take off from Delhi airport daily and for 40,000 passengers only 3+2 restrooms are available at Terminal II and Terminal IB, respectively; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take for proper utilization of infrastructure particularly when in November-December fog disruptions